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FEELING OF UNREST GROWS

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SEOUL, Dec. 15.—More rioting has occurred at Mok-Phe, and yesterday a Japanese mob wounded seventeen Koreans. High Korean officials are hurrying to Mok-Phe to try and quell the disorders. So far Russia has not interfered.

United States Minister Allen has demanded a definite answer from the Korean government in regard to the opening of the port of Wiju. Despite American, British and Japanese pressure, Russian influence over the Korean government is apparently unshaken, and it is expected that Korea will procrastinate in dealing with the matter, and possibly may refuse eventually to act at all.

A feeling of unrest is growing among the Korean people who fear that whether it be peace or war between Russia and Japan, the extinction of the empire is imminent. It is believed that the outbreak of hostilities or the announcement of a protectorate of any kind will precipitate trouble.

Foreigners in Seoul expect disorder, and the American residents desire a warship. The Korean army, numbering 5,000 men, is considered one of the most disorganized of the situation, as an insubordinate element is believed to be beyond control. In case of trouble, it is feared that the soldiers will be the first to lead the riot, and begin looting.

A part of the Russian squadron has already departed for Port Arthur, and the remainder of the fleet will follow, leaving no warships of that nation in Korean waters.

Senior Statesmen Meet.

(By Associated Press.)
TOKIO, Dec. 15.—The senior statesmen of Japan have just met for the purpose of considering the reply of the Russian government to the Japanese proposals concerning the difficulties in the Far East.

AT THE ACADEMY.

It is not easy to recall just when there has been presented in Richmond a greater musical production, not including those operatic, than "The Roger Brothers in London," which was seen at the Academy last night. Certainly nothing in the musical line that has been presented here this season has compared with this production in its magnitude.

The company usually heralded as containing sixty people is, as a rule, found to number about forty. There are more than two score girls in the chorus with the Roger Brothers, and when the entire company is on the stage, there is what may really be termed a crowd of people. The stage can scarcely accommodate them.

The production was elaborate in every detail. It was superbly mounted. The first scene was unique, showing the three decks of an ocean liner.

The Roger Brothers are the leading exponents of their line of business. Within comparatively a few years they have climbed from the bottom to the top of the ladder. With little support, they are capable of keeping an audience merry, but Klaw and Erlanger have provided them with a production that is most lavish, and furnished a company that will be a great attraction, even without those comedians, the Roger Brothers.

Joseph Coyne did a splendid piece of work as Harold Harvey.

The audience was, perhaps, the largest of the season. Orchestra, balcony and gallery were packed to the doors. Many would not secure seats, and stood during the performance.

A better pleased audience has not often left a Richmond playhouse than that which departed from the Academy last night, after witnessing one of the best productions ever seen here.

B. C. "Pretty Peggy" To-night.

William A. Brady, who is well known for his prodigious and good taste shown in his dramatic production, is said fairly to have outdone himself with "Pretty Peggy," the play by Frances Aymer Mathews, which brings Grace George to the Academy to-night and to-morrow.

Madame and night. Even singing painted by Moses and Stanton and no fewer than a dozen costumes are revealed in the course of the performance, which, therefore, may be expected to present a series of wonderfully brilliant stage pictures.

"Pretty Peggy" is a new treatment of the love affair of David Garrick and Peg Woffington, than which no romance of history is more susceptible to dramatization. With the literary and the players of the time to furnish characters, with their brilliant speeches to furnish dialogue, with the fascinating background of court and green room, and, to crown all, with the vital love of the two principal figures, no playwright could fail to turn out acceptable material.

Moving Pictures.

At the Academy, Saturday, matinee and night. Mr. Loran H. Howe will make his debut in a Richmond audience with his new outfit, which will surpass all his previous efforts.

Little Church Around the Corner.

Two performances of the "Little Church Around the Corner" were given yesterday-matinee and night. The melodrama was more enjoyable in every way than at the opening—the players delivering themselves easily to their parts and everything working smoothly. The scene of the little church in a snow-storm is one of the prettiest seen on any stage.

The play will run the remainder of the week, with matinee Thursday and Saturday.

Mainly About People.

Mr. John J. Powell, who has been on a visit to relatives in New York and Long Island, expects to return home tomorrow.

Among the noteworthy visitors at the Capitol yesterday was Colonel J. W. Taylor, prominent member of the history of the city of Atlanta, who is in the city for a day or two. Colonel Taylor has a desire to see the city, and he will appear on a Senate committee, went down to hear the engineer Virginia, authority on the subject of the proposed extension of the Chesapeake and Ohio canal.

Delegate H. G. Purpitt, of Bedford county, returned to the city yesterday, after an absence of ten days. He had been called to the city by reason of a serious illness of his wife, who had improved sufficiently to permit his leaving her.

The lady intends to return to the city with her husband to learn that she is very

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